Dr. Kamesam.

30. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the covenant period for which Dr. Kamesam was employed by them;

(*b*) for what purpose was his service secured; and

(*c*) what his present connection, if any, with the Development Department is?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Three years from the 16th February 1938.

(*b*) To tap fresh sources of income from forests which have admittedly large resources by way of softwood, bamboos, etta, etc., reduce wastes in conversion to a minimum and effect a complete orientation in the policy till now followed in timber exploitation.

(*c*) He has no connection with the Development Department now. He has taken leave preparatory to retirement from the service of the Government of India and his deputation with this Government has terminated.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I now what was the exact nature of his services?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Developing the forest resources of the country.

Promotions in the Transport Department.

31. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle followed by the Transport Department in the matter of promotions; and

(*b*) whether that principle was followed in the last wholesale promotions necessitated by the extension of the Transport Service?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Efficiency.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what is the criterion for efficiency?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Efficiency is determined from the confidential reports made by the supervising authorities.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether depot clerks were recruited from applicants who have applied direct?

MR. K. SANKARAN: I am not aware. Sir,

Audit of Co-operative Societies.

32. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Co-operative societies audited by the departmental staff in 1112, 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) the number of societies audited by other auditors in 1112, 1113 and 1114;

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(*c*) whether cash balance and S. B. accounts are called and verified when the societies are audited; and

(d) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the number of societies whose balances are so verified ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) 1112—1704
1113—1645
1114—1610.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) All audited societies.

Operating Superintendent to the Transport Department.

33. ***MR KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an Operating Superintendent has been recently appointed to the Transport Department;

(*b*) what his pay and allowances, if any, will be;

(*c*) what his work in the department is; and

(*d*) what are his special qualifications, if any, to hold that office?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 300 per mensem.

(*c*) Supervision and control of the Operating Section of the Department.

(*d*) In addition to general academic and engineering qualifications, training in the operation of Bus Services.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With regard to answer to part (d) may I know his general, academic and engineering qulifications ?

MR. K. SANKARAN: He has taken his B. Sc. degree and over and above that he is a graduate of the Institute of Automobile Engineering, London.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know where he got his training ?

MR. K. SANKARAN: He has had his training for 2 years in the Citroen Motor Company in Paris and subsequently in another Motor concern at Madras.

Hydro-Electric Schemes.

34. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government propose to take up further Hydro-Electric Schemes to supplement Pallivasal; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether there is ample scope for such a scheme at Muthukuzhi Vayal in Tovala taluk ?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Not at present.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) this does not arise.

Industrial Institutions.

35. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of Industrial Institutions in the State which

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